

CLAIMS

1. (Amended) An information outflow prevention punch comprising an operation part that is longitudinally long; a punch blade group composed of two or more punch blades forming a column in a longitudinal direction in said operation part; a rotation axis running at a right angle to a direction of the column of the punch blades and provided in a front end side of said operation part; a top base supporting said rotation axis in the front end side; and a bottom base fixed to said top base in a rear end side and forming an insertion slot for a punch material in conjunction with said top base, characterized in that the operation part rotates up and down with said rotation axis as a fulcrum, in that neighboring  $n$ -th punch blade and  $(n+1)$ -th punch blade of said punch blade group are provided close to such a degree that information written on the punch material cannot be identified, and in that a punch material is inserted from the insertion slot at the front edge side of said operation part and the rear end of said operation part is pushed down to lower said punch blade group from above said top base to punch a plurality of holes in the punch material for preventing information outflow.
2. The information outflow prevention punch according to claim 1 characterized in that a diameter of each punch blade of said punch blade group is  $\phi 3$  mm to  $\phi 20$  mm and a spacing

between the neighboring n-th punch blade and (n+1)-th punch blade of said punch blade group is smaller than a diameter of the n-th punch blade and smaller than a diameter of the (n+1)-th punch blade.

3. The information outflow prevention punch according to claim 1 characterized in that said information outflow prevention punch has a lifting spring for said operation part and said punch blade group.

4. The information outflow prevention punch according to claim 1 characterized in that blade edges of the punch blades of said punch blade group are lowered parallel to a surface of the punch material.

5. The information outflow prevention punch according to claim 1 characterized in that a marking indicating a position of said punch blade group is provided.

6. (Deleted)

7. The information outflow prevention punch according to claim 1 characterized in that a chip bin is provided under said punch blade group.

8. The information outflow prevention punch according to claim 1 characterized in that a stopper that holds said

operation part in a pushed-state is provided.